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Decision Dismissing Petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c)
The declaration of express abandonment will not be recognized

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) filed on August 13, 2004, for express abandonment to avoid publication of the above-identified application.

The petition is dismissed.

The express abandonment will **not** be recognized for the reason(s) indicated below:

1. The petition under 37 CFR 1.138(c) was not filed in sufficient time to permit the appropriate officials to recognize the abandonment and remove the application from the publication process.
2. The petition was not signed by a party authorized by 37 CFR 1.33(b)(1), (3) or (4).
3. The Application was published on March 25, 2004, in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the publication number is US20040057566A1, and it is available on the USPTO web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/patft/index.html>.

The application **has/will be published** as scheduled.

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